

Parks and Recreation Department Board

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Regular Meeting

Item for Action

Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the sustainable events plan

Applicant's Request: Approval/feedback of the plan

Board Member Chimenti moved to support the sustainable events plan with the stipulation that special attention be paid to smaller not-for-profit groups so they are not negatively impacted and will not have to close down: also,

For events (subject to this green policy) that do not ticket or charge admission for entrance as described in the adopted Parks and Recreation Department Special Events Policy yet use parkland for all or a portion of their event and register/charge/ or ticket for participation, organizers should pay a **sustainability fee** of 25 cents/person to the Austin Parks Foundation for park specific projects to build a sustainability fund for the impacted park(s).

For events that use park land for multiple day events, the organizers shall be charged once per contract/rental period. The motion was seconded by Board Member Francell, and carried 5-0.

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Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake

Applicant's Request: Approval of the conceptual plan for the Boardwalk Trail at Lady Bird Lake.

Board Member Marler moved to approve the request, with friendly amendments from Board Member Rivera and Board Member Chimenti.

The Board recommends that we forward to the City Council the approval of the concept of a Boardwalk that will connect East to the West and that we complete the trail along the South Side of Lady Bird Lake, also that staff and developers should continue to meet with all stakeholders in an attempt to develop viable on-land alternatives in major stretches of the trail; and to explore where significant cost savings can be realized. In addition, the Waterfront Overlay Task Force recommendations be passed prior to the finalization of the plan. Motion carried 5-0.

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Make a recommendation to the Director regarding the Tarrytown Boat Dock Club.

Applicant's Request: To exceed the 20% shoreline width.

Board Member Francell moved to recommend to the Director that the Parks Board approve replacing the current boat dock at the Tarrytown Boat Club with an eleven (11) slip dock. This approval is conditional on the TTBC submitting plans to the City of Austin to erect a restroom on site, accommodations for the increase in parking and compliance with other aspects of the Land Development Code to the maximum extent practical. Furthermore, the Board requests that the TTBC not ask for any new slips or new slip construction on the site from either the Board of Adjustments or the Parks and Recreation Department for at least 15 years. The motion was seconded by Board Member Chimenti. Motion carried 5-0.

